JANUARY 25, 1817.

Read twice and committed to the committee of the whole House, on the bill "to provide for the redemption of the public debt.

A Bill

Respecting the assessment and collection of the Direct Tax.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of 1 the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That 2 in all cases in which appeals shall not have been, or may not 3 hereafter be legally held in any collection district, by a princi-4 pal assessor, in regard to the enumerations, valuations, or revi-5 sions of property, subject to the direct tax, the Secretary of the 6 Treasury shall be, and he is hereby authorized to direct the 7 said appeals to be held by the prinaipal assessor of such collec-8 tion district, and such appeals shall be conducted as nearly as 9 may be in conformity with the provisions of the act "to pro-10 vide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of govern-11 ment and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax 12 upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collect-13

- 14 ing the same," passed the ninth day of January, one thousand
- 15 eight hundred and fifteen, so far as respects the direct tax im-
- 16 posed in that year, and with the provisions of an act supplemen-
- 17 tary thereto, passed the twenty-sixth day of April, one thou-
- 18 sand eight hundred and sixteen, so far as respects the direct
- 19 tax imposed in that year, or which may be hereafter imposed.
 - 1 Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That all deeds for real
 - 2 estate sold for taxes by any designated collector, or by the
- 3 collector for the District of Columbia, shall be made, executed,
- 4 or proved and acknowledged by such collector; and for every
- 5 such deed the purchaser or grantee shall pay to the said collec-
- 6 tor for his use the sum of five dollars.
- 1 Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That to defray the ex-
- 2 penses authorized by this act there is hereby appropriated a
- 3 sum not exceeding dollars, to be paid out
- 4 of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.